

Dear GL Committee Members:

Please vote yes on HB Bill 5780 AN ACT LEGALIZING HEMP

From what I understand, Hemp is the unintended victim of the United States' prohibition on psychoactive cannabis — it got swept up in the Marijuana Tax Act of 1937, and was or still is blacklisted by the DEA under the Controlled Substances Act — the plant is beginning to be seen by many as the solution to any number of the country's problems, with implications ranging from energy to agriculture. Most of the world grows hemp. Canada has a 15-year modern hemp industry worth a billion dollars a year, and growing.

During my research of the growing of hemp, I discovered that in 1942, shortly after hemp prohibition, World War 11 was breaking out. The Navy needed approx 40 tons of hemp rigging per vessel. We had to buy the hemp from the Philippines!

The parachute that saved George Bush , Sr's life during World War 11 was made of hemp.

Time to bring it back!

Thank you for reading,  
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